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Tax Help Available at the Santa Maria Public Library

The Santa Maria Public Library is joining other California cities this year in hosting free tax preparation.

From now until mid-March, AARP volunteers will prepare U.S. and California income tax returns in Shepard Hall on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The hours will be convenient for working families. All taxpayers are welcome; there are no age or income restrictions. Returns are electronically filed, and refunds are received in 10-14 days, including the often large refunds from the earned income and child tax credits. The process usually takes one hour. The service is also available in Spanish.

AARP volunteers have prepared tax returns at no cost for over 20 years in Santa Maria. They usually prepare about 700 IRS returns a year locally and about 1.5 million nationwide. AARP is the third largest tax preparation organization in the U.S.

For an appointment, please call 925-0951 extension 207 on weekdays and ask to make a library appointment. For an appointment with a Spanish speaking volunteer, please call (805) 314-0786.

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